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TOWN OFFICERS, 1921-1922

TOWN CLERK

JAMES L. WORMWOOD

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS and OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

RICHARD DEARBORN E. FORREST LEAVITT

HARRY F. NELSON

TREASURER

SHERMAN U. CUTTING

HIGHWAY AGENTS

CHARLES A. SPRAGUE DUNCAN EMACK

ALBION H. DAVIS

SCHOOL BOARD

FLORENCE G. LEAVITT ARTHUR P. MELOON

EDITH K. TAYLOR

AUDITORS

WILLIAM R. CLARK MOSES S. CHASE

BOARD OF HEALTH

J. M. LEAVITT, M. D.

COLLECTOR

ALICE E. CHASE

TRUANT OFFICER

FRANK A. PIKE

CONSTABLE

CARL L. TAYLOR

MODERATOR

J. M. LEAVITT

Report of Selectmen

Inventory for Year 1921

	Number	Valuation
Polls	234	
Real Estate		$388,810 00
Horses	127	12,770 00
Oxen	14	1,285 00
Cows	146	7,100 00
Other Neat Stock	35	1,860 00
Hogs	3	36 00
Fowls	50	60 00
Portable Mills	6	2,600 00
Boats and Launches	1	100 00
Wood, Lumber		21,720 00
Municipal Bonds and Notes		1,200 00
Stocks in National Banks in this State		400 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit		17,678 56
Stock in trade		3,550 00
Aqueducts		9,600 00
		$468,769 56

Appropriations

Town Charges	$ 400 00
Summer Highway	2,300 00
Winter Highway	200 00
Public Library	50 00
Memorial Day	10 00

Sanders' Will	10 00
State Aid Construction	268 50
State Aid Maintenance	600 00
Town Debt	1,500 00
Rye Field Road	50 00
Street Lights	75 00
Old Home Day	50 00
For School as per Law, $5 per Thousand of Total Valuation	2,876 48
School Superintendent Excess Salary	55 55
Other Expenses of Administration	120 00
School Repairs	200 00
High School Tuition	300 00
State Tax	1,598 00
State Tax (Special)	423 00
County Tax	1,268 66
School Officers' Salaries	70 00
Scholars Enrolled in 1920, 88	176 00
School Lot Fund	40 00
School District Deficit (1920)	425 00
Overlay	265 59
	$13,331 78
Amount Committed to Collector	13,767 78
Rate per Thousand $27.00	

Receipts

From Local Back Taxes	$ 50 80
From Local Taxes, 1920	549 72
From Local Taxes, 1921	12,498 41
Savings Bank Tax	280 00
Highway Maintenance and Construction	412 49

Rochester Trust Co., Loan, Anticipation of Taxes	2,000 00
James L. Wormwood, Dog Licenses	38 50
James L. Wormwood, Automobile Licenses	109 70
S. O. Huckins, Refund	10 00
	$15,949 62
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 31, 1921	651 96
	$16,601 58

Payments

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 366 99
Town Officers' Expenses	193 13
Protection of Persons and Property	
Fire Department	2 90
Bounties	12 80
Health and Sanitation	
Vital Statistics	4 30
Highways and Bridges	
State Aid Maintenance	837 75
Town Maintenance, Summer	1,894 41
Town Maintenance, Winter	478 37
Street Lighting	161 25
Education	
Library	50
Charities	
Town Poor	51 50
Patriotic Purposes	
Aid to Ambrose Post, G. A. R.	10 00
Unclassified	
Abatments refunded	10 50

Lodging Tramp	1 50
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	$ 4,025 90
Interest	
Paid on Temporary Loan in Anticipation of of Taxes	58 33
Paid on Long Term Notes	280 00
Total	$ 338 33
New Construction and Improvements	
State Aid Construction	996 43
Town Construction	319 77
	$ 1,316 20
Indebtedness	
Payments on Temporary Loans	2,000 00
Paid on Long Term Note	1,252 50
	$ 3,252 50
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	
To State, $2.00 on every $5 Poll Tax, 1920	$ 248 00
To State, State Tax	2,021 00
To County, County Tax	1,268 66
Payments to School District	3,513 00
	$ 7,050 66
Total Payments for All Purposes	$15,983 59

DETAIL I

Detailed Statement of Payments

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Fannie Gould, Librarian	$ 50 00

Carl Taylor, Constable	10 00
W. R. Clark, Auditor	3 00
James L. Wormwood, Town Clerk	20 00
Harry F. Nelson, Selectman	47 50
J. M. Leavitt, Board of Health	10 00
E. Forrest Leavitt, Selectman	47 50
Richard Dearborn, Selectman	55 00
Richard Dearborn, Supervisor	4 00
S. U. Cutting, Treasurer	50 00
Alice E. Chase, Collector	69 99
	$ 366 99

DETAIL II

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Carroll D. Piper, Printing Town Reports	$ 88 00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	7 35
Richard Dearborn, Meeting Tax Commission and Revaluing Timber	13 50
Harry F. Nelson, Meeting Tax Commission and Revaluing Timber	16 00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	11 53
Association N. H. Assessors	2 00
Charles Edwards, Showing Lines	2 00
Charles Wormwood, Express Town Reports	1 00
E. Forrest Leavitt, Revaluing Timber	10 00
Richard Dearborn, Postage	9 00
William D. Chandler, Printing	21 75
S. U. Cutting, Postage	11 00
	$ 193 13

DETAIL III

FIRE DEPARTMENT

J. L. Wormwood	$2 90

DETAIL IV

BOUNTIES

Harry F. Nelson	$ 12 00
Fred Murray	80
	$ 12 80

DETAIL V

VITAL STATISTICS

James L. Wormwood	$ 2 55
J. M. Leavitt	1 75
	$ 4 30

DETAIL VI

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

G. Aldo Meloon, Patrolman	$ 837 75

DETAIL VII

TOWN MAINTENANCE, SUMMER HIGHWAY

Irving Davis	$ 90 00

Bert Davis	65 00
A. H. Davis	131 70
C. A. Sprague	232 25
Norman Sprague	30 75
Arthur Sprague	33 00
Duncan Emack	119 83
Malcolm Emack	29 50
Lester Emack	25 00
Winfield Emack	6 00
M. S. Chase	32 65
Charles Edwards	46 25
Harry Sanborn	21 00
E. Forrest Leavitt	34 33
Joseph Provencal	43 22
Ernest Meloon	44 09
Howard Bowers	12 00
Richard Dearborn	34 25
Fred Murray	12 00
W. L. Meloon	41 00
Harold Nicklin	7 16
Ernest Nicklin	17 56
Thomas Nicklin	3 00
Clinton Davis	9 00
Herbert Wilkins	19 50
Frank Moody	36 00
Leslie Davis	6 00
F. A. Pike	10 50
S. K. Meloon	50 09
S. O. Huckins	2 13
James H. Smith	4 00
Edgar Kimball	21 00
Oscar Drake	1 50
Mellen Moody	6 00

Francis Moody	37 50
W. H. Gordon	19 50
Edmund Canney	15 00
Harry F. Nelson	32 08
George W. Towle	15 75
E. J. Leavitt	6 00
F. S. Barnard	3 33
George Clark	4 50
Walter Young	7 85
Frank Rowe	15 50
H. F. Pray	3 00
H. C. Davis	27 59
C. E. Meloon	27 50
Leon Marston	12 00
R. M. Wilkinson	11 25
C. S. Meloon	6 00
Benjamin Kimball	3 00
Charles Kimball	3 00
Jesse Wilkinson	9 75
Orren Stillings, Sign Boards	2 00
Owen Palmer	11 00
M. H. Nutter	31 00
Ralph Nutter	7 00
Charles Wormwood	15 00
E. Forrest Leavitt, Plank	81 81
G. H. Leighton	11 00
S. U. Cutting	55 79
C. F. Meloon, lettering Sign Boards	3 00
C. H. Towle	33 00
George Allen	3 00
John M. Chase	40
Fred Bridges, Painting Falls Bridge	39 15
F. F. Nelson	18 00

J. M. Leavitt, Stringers	30 00
J. N. Marston, 1920	1 50
W. D. Gale	14 05
	$ 1,894 41
Street Lighting	161 25

DETAIL VIII

TOWN MAINTENANCE, WINTER HIGHWAY
1920—1921

W. L. Meloon	$ 10 00
A. H. Davis	16 00
C. E. Meloon	10 00
Herbert Wilkins	19 00
Charles Sprague	21 00
Frank Moody	10 50
Mellen Moody	3 50
Walter Young	4 33
F. A. Pike	6 00
G. Aldo Meloon	10 00
M. H. Nutter	19 50
David Brownell	2 50
Ernest Meloon	3 00
J. N. Marston	5 50
F. C. Bonyman	48 00
Charles Sprague, housing snow roller	2 00
G. Aldo Meloon, housing snow roller	2 00
Richard Dearborn, repair on snow roller	2 50
A. H. Davis, housing 3 snow rollers	4 50
Charles E. Meloon	18 00
W. L. Meloon	45 00
Herbert Wilkins	18 00

Richard Dearborn	13 00
F. O. Leavitt	54 50
F. A. Pike	13 54
C. A. Sprague	29 50
G. Aldo Meloon	11 50
H. F. Nelson	42 00
Charles Edwards	4 50
Arthur Sprague	7 50
John Staples	12 00
Harry Sanborn	3 00
John Crabtree	4 50
Lena Crabtree, housing snow roller	2 00
	$ 278 54

DETAIL IX

TOWN POOR

Susan Glidden, wood	$ 51 50

DETAIL X

LIBRARY

H. F. Nelson, broom	$ 50

DETAIL XI

AID TO G. A. R. AND MEMORIAL

Ambrose Post, G. A. R.	$ 10 00

DETAIL XII

ABATEMENT REFUNDED

Orren Stillings, Public Water	$ 3 00
J. M. Leavitt, Public Water	3 00
H. F. Nelson, Public Water	3 00
Edgar Kimball, Public Water	1 50
Care of Tramp	1 50
	$ 12 00

DETAIL XIII

INTEREST

Rochester Trust Co.	$ 338 33

DETAIL XIV

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Bills Paid by Town	$ 986 43
Bills Paid by State	208 53
	$ 1,194 96
Fred Bridges	51 88
Carroll Thurston	30 62
George Thurogood	28 75
Harry Farley	33 13
S. K. Meloon	31 87
F. O. Leavitt	72 75
Fred Murray	33 54
Walter Marston	70 12

Richard Dearborn	105 88
Irving Davis	52 00
Bert Davis	15 00
Clifton Thurston	21 25
F. A. Pike	22 50
Duncan Emack	4 12
F. S. Barnard	1 87
S. O. Huckins	102 18
George N. Towle	43 85
W. H. Pascoe	10 00
G. Aldo Meloon	255 12
	$ 986 43

DETAIL XV

TOWN CONCTRUCTION (HUNTRESS BRIDGE)

Clifton Thurston	$ 8 00
G. Aldo Meloon	14 00
M. S. Chase	3 00
Duncan Emack	53 14
Richard Dearborn	60 12
F. A. Pike	27 50
E. Forrest Leavitt	12 57
Fred Murray	22 50
F. O. Leavitt	27 00
F. S. Barnard	30 00
W. R. Clark	21 50
C. H. Clark	22 60
	$ 301 93

PINE RIVER BRIDGE

Smart Bros.	$ 16 64
J. L. Wormwood	1 20
	$ 17 84

DETAIL XVI

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

Temporary Loans, Rochester Trust Co	$2,000 00
On Term Note, Rochester Trust Co.	1,252 50
	$3,252 50

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Paid State Treasurer, $2 on every $5 poll tax, (1920)	$ 248 00
Paid State Treasurer, State Tax	2,021 00
Paid County Treasury, County Tax	1,268 66
School District, paid School Treasurer	3,513 00

ABATEMENTS

Allowed F. O. Leavitt, 1920 Collections	
Woodbury Eldredge, poll tax, paid in Maine	$ 5 00
Leon Wentworth, poll tax paid in Me.	5 00
William Gordon, poll tax paid in Me.	5 00
E. D. Pike, poll tax, Ossipee	5 00
Rufus Carlin, poll tax	5 00
Elmer Thurston, poll tax	5 00
J. N. Marston, steers taxed in Freedom	4 20
Pearl Jenness	9 98

Martin Thurston	8 30
	$ 52 48

Allowed Alice E. Chase, 1921

Frank O. Bradbury, taxed on property not his	$ 8 10
H. N. Harris, overtaxed	4 72
Charles F. Clark, overtaxed	6 75
Leslie Davis, loss of cow	1 89
Ralph Nutter, loss of horse	5 40
Susan Glidden, tax on home	4 05
Frank Bryant, poll tax, over 70	5 00
Mary E. Varney, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Mabel L. Rounds, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
John M. Chase, poll tax, paid in Florida	5 00
Sewall McDaniel, poll tax, paid in Milton	5 00
Ruby McDaniel, poll tax, paid in Milton	5 00
Alexander Grant, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Mary Varney, paid in Me.	5 00
Harold Meloon, poll tax, paid in Mass.	3 00
Woodbury Eldredge, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Mrs. Woodbury Eldredge, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Benjamin Kimball, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Mrs. Benjamin Kimball poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Fred Clough, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Dillie Clough, poll tax, paid in Me.	5 00
Charles E. Davis, public water	1 50
	$ 105 41

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

Due First Baptist	$ 1 29

Due Universalist	2 23
Due Advent	37 75
Due Ossipee	10 75
Due Fifth Baptist	15 44
Due Third Baptist	35 72
Due Second Baptist	68 03
Due Calvin Baptist	39 95
Due Congregational	52 23
	$ 263 39

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RICHARD DEARBORN,
E. FORREST LEAVITT,
HARRY F. NELSON,
Selectmen of Effingham.

We hereby certify that we have this day audited the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors.

February 11, 1922.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1921	$ 651 96
State N. H. highway department	412 49
State N. H. Savings Bank tax	280 00
Rochester Trust Co. on notes	2,000 00
Charles Wormwod, tax carried by town	50 80
S. O. Huckins, overpaid on cement	10 00
J. L. Wormwood, dog license	38 50
J. L. Wormwood, auto license	109 70
F. O. Leavitt, on 1920 taxes	549 72
Alice E. Chase, collector 1921 taxes	12,498 41
Total receipts	$16,601 58

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid balance 1920 orders and orders 1921	$16,033 10
Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1922	568 48
	$16,601 58

Effingham, N. H., Feb. 4, 1922.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Effingham and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors of Effingham.

ASSETS OF TOWN

Cash in treasury		$568 48
Due from F. O. Leavitt, collector, 1920		224 81
Due from Alice E. Chase, collector, 1921		1,212 65
Due on Non-Resident Real Estate Carried by Town including interest to Jan. 31, 1922 but not 1921 tax		
W. E. Ireland, lots on Bailey Farm		35 40
Augusta A. Morgan	"	13 06
William H. Johnson	"	7 25
John L. O'Leary	"	12 68
James F. Abbott	"	21 32
William Daley	"	47 48
Alonzo Minor	"	10 64
Thomas J. McKnight	"	12 38
Walter J. Gillis,	"	11 65
J. A. Pine	"	8 79
Samuel C. Clark	"	7 26
H. F. Dow	"	8 03
C. E. Cushing	"	17 37
Thomas Holden	"	4 80
James J. Coveny	"	7 83
L. N. Torry	"	15 16
Frank Russell	"	5 52
Walter Glidden	"	2 19
Mrs. C. G. Marcey	"	5 83
Joseph Moore	"	15 68
Mary T. Johnson	"	7 26
L. O. Young	"	6 00
N. L. Laidlow	"	3 32
Thomas Sullivan	"	3 42
A. E. O. Pascoe	"	9 23

Hallie C. Blake, part Bailey farm	149 69
Harry Brooks, Adams lots on Bailey Farm	1 22
James T. Cox	1 22
Geo. Morrill	7 72
Joseph Gibson, 1 acre Mark Roberts place	2 89
Mabel Haggerty	1 19
H. Brown	11 42
Due on Resident Real Estate Carried by Town including interest to Jan. 31, 1922 but not 1921 tax	
John M. Chase, 1st home place	8 69
George Chase, home place	9 00
H. E. Munroe	3 33
Gideon Southerland	103 90
Estate H. A. F. Colcord	21 39
Total assets	$3,627 35

LIABILITIES

Due Rochester Trust Co., on notes	$3,647 50
Due Rochester Trust Co., interest	32 50
Due Harriet M. Murray on note	110 18
Due Religious societies	263 39
Due State on $2.00 poll assessments	406 00
Due Saunders will trust	10 00
Due Old Home Day Association	50 00
Due School district	836 78
Total	$5,356 35
Total assets	3,627 35
Excess of liabilities	$1,729 00

S. U. CUTTING, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS OF EFFINGHAM

ABBIE A. WEDGWOOD FUND

Receipts		
Balance in treasury		$ 37 54
Dividends No. 60, No. 61, No. 62		49 94
Expenditures		
A. C. Sanborn, auto hire	$ 1 25	
C. A. Sprague, work on Center cemetery	21 92	
Kate E. Barker, account book, order book, paint and postage	2 70	
E. J. Leavitt, work in Center cemetery in 1918	8 50	
Chalmers Conservatories, for plants	3 20	
Balance in treasury	49 91	
	$ 87 48	$ 87 48

MARTHA J. SCEGGELL FUND

Receipts		
Balance in treasury		$ 4 68
Dividends No. 60, No. 61, No. 62		12 48
Expenditures		
A. C. Sanborn, auto hire	$ 1 25	
Kate E. Barker, for account book	86	
S. U. Cutting, for labor, manure and loam on lot	12 00	
G. H. Leighton, labor on lot in 1918	3 00	
Balance in treasury	05	
	$ 17 16	$ 17 16

DAVID W. GOLDSMITH FUND

Receipts

Balance in treasury		$ 6 95
Dividends No. 60, No. 61, No. 62		12 48
Expenditures		
A. C. Sanborn, auto hire	$ 1 25	
Kate E. Barker, account book	86	
Ernest Meloon, labor on lot	10 00	
S. U. Cutting, labor, manure and loam on lot	5 00	
G. H. Leighton, labor on lot in 1918	2 00	
Balance in treasury	32	
	$ 19 43	$ 19 43

JOHN H. FLANDERS FUND

$150.00 on deposit with Rochester Trust Company, January 13, 1922

ANNIE C. DEARBORN,
S. U. CUTTING,
KATE E. BARKER,
Trustees of Trust Funds of Effingham.

We hereby certify that we have this day audited the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors.

February 11, 1922

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EFFINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Balance in treasury	$ 74 67
Dividends for 1918, 1919, 1920 on the Abbie A. Wedgwood trust fund	49 94
Essex Savings Bank, check for Sanders bequest	10 00
S. U. Cutting, appropriation of town to obtain Sanders bequest	10 00

Expenditures

Library Book House, for books	$ 79 00	
S. F. Claflin, subscription to magazines	8 55	
Kate E. Barker, account book and order book	3 21	
Am. Baptist Pub. Society for books	4 86	
Funk & Wagnalls Co., for Literary Digest	4 00	
Kate E. Barker, supplies for library	1 67	
Balance in treasury	43 32	
	$ 144 61	$ 144 61

E. F. LEAVITT,
KATE E. BARKER,
J. M. LEAVITT,
Trustees of Effingham Free Public Library.

We hereby certify that we have this day audited

the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors.

February 11, 1922.

Report of Board of Education

From September 1, 1920 to June 30, 1921

To the citizens of Effingham, N. H., the Board of Education submits the following report:

CURRENT REVENUE

Balance	$ 13 53
From State	2,196 74
From State, rebate on High School Tuition	13 50
From Town, Raised by Taxation	
Support Elementary Schools	2,686 31
Old Book Bills of 1917	40 14
High School Tuition	200 00
Repairs	150 00
"Per Capita" (Required by law)	198 00
School Officers' Salaries	70 00
School Supt. Excess Salary	55 55
From Sources Other Than Taxation	
Dog Licenses	45 00
School Lot Fund	40 00
Interest on Abigail Drake Fund	17 00
Total	$5,725 77

ORDINARY CURRENT EXPENSES

Administration	
Expenses of Administration	$ 183 62
Instruction	
Teachers' Salaries	3,780 00

Text Books	143 20
Supplies	166 59
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant	
Janitor Service	112 15
Fuel	326 50
Janitor Supplies	1 75
Minor Expenses	52 96
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities	
Medical and Other Expenses	50 00
Transportation	112 25
High School Tuition	30 00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment	201 74
"Per Capita" Tax	176 00
Balance, for Unpresented Bills	389 01
Total	$5,725 77

Estimate of School Expenses for Year 1922-23, To Be Raised By Town Appropriation

Amount Necessary to Procure State Aid, ½of 1% of the Equalized Valuation of the District	
Salaries of District Officers	$ 70 00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	117 65
Other Expenses of Administration	50 00
Repairs	300 00
High School Tuition	550 00
"Per Capita" Tax (Required by law)	198 00
Deficiency in Supt. Excess Salary, 1921	62 10

Respectfully Submitted,

FLORENCE L. G. LEAVITT
EDITH K. TAYLOR
ARTHUR P. MELOON
School Board.

Remarks of the School Board

The interest on the Abigail Drake fund has been accumulating, and with that, we have had two weeks of school extra at Pineriver, one last year, and one this.

We Effingham people are fortunate in having eight of our girls and boys in High School now, and six more planning to go next year. The more of those we put through the more we may feel we are doing in the way of making citizens out of children.

It certainly is to be regretted by all hands, that the children of the rural towns are getting to be conspicuous by their absence. It is a pity for any district to lose its school. No one felt it more keenly than the members of the School Board themselves in the instance of closing Lord's Hill and Mountain schools. But when a school of from five to seven pupils can be transported for $5.00, that would cost $18.00 to run, besides wood, etc., it certainly seems not only much more advantageous to those few lone pupils to join with others, but financially is quite a saving.

We only hope people with children may soon move into these districts so that the schools may be reopened.

The reason the Superintendent's excess salary is more than previously, may not be clear to all. The State pays $2,000.00 of the Superintendent's salary in any event, and heretofore has paid one half amount exceeding that also, but this year the whole amount is left for each district to pay. Hence Effingham's share $117.60, instead of $55.55.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Board of Effingham:

During the past year Effingham was fortunate in being able to keep its teaching force intact. The year previous one of the schools had five different teachers and another three, a condition which is always disastrous to the good of the school. This year Miss Gladys Leavitt is continuing her service at the Center Effingham School; Mrs. John Chase is teaching again at South Effingham; at the beginning of the year, on account of the closing of the school in the Mountain District, Miss Ruth Snow was transferred to the school at Effingham Falls; and Miss Louise Marshall was elected to the Pine River position, made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Wilkinson. I am convinced that all the schools are doing efficient work, and that good progress will be the result.

The attendance of all the schools last year was excellent, but I think that special recognition should be given to the fine showing made at Center Effingham. A per cent. of 99½ is nearly perfect, and I wish to express my appreciation to the teacher and parents who made it possible. The average per cent. for all the schools was 95, which was two points higher than that of the year before and several points higher than the state as a whole. On the other hand unnecessary absences cannot be allowed. The law governing attendance in elementary schools is very specific, and does not give the parent the right to determine whether or not his child shall attend school. The

school board alone has the power to excuse, and then only when they consider the child mentally or physically unfit to attend school for the period considered.

In the matter of schoolhouse repair the only thing that has been undertaken this year has been the improvement of the toilet at the Pine River School and its connection with the school building. The work is not yet completed. I appreciate the fact that it was the intention of the School Board to accomplish much more than this, but circumstances conspired against them. I trust that it will soon be possible to improve the toilet at Center Effingham and connect it with the school building. A few repairs are also necessary at South Effingham. Until these improvements are made the minimum requirements of the State Board of Education in the matter of schoolhouse approval have not been met.

Without doubt the most difficult problem which the School Board had to decide last summer was the question of the closing of the schools at Lord's Hill and the Mountain. I am sure that all of those who had a share in the consideration of this question were very loath to take any step which might cause displeasure or disapproval upon the part of any group of townspeople, and the decision was reached only after grave consideration. The schools were finally closed because the attendance had fallen very low,—in one case to six pupils and in the other to six or eight,—because the cost of transportation was but a fraction of the cost of maintaining the schools, and because the good of the children themselves advised it,—a school of six pupils very seldom accomplishes educationally what a school of fifteen to twenty-five does. Also, it was not at all certain that state aid would be allowed in the

maintenance of these schools. I trust that, in view of all these conditions, you may consider that the School Board acted wisely.

A short time ago, at a public gathering, a prominent state school official expressed his opinion upon the consolidation of schools. Stated briefly, he said that schools should not be consolidated in districts where there were fifteen pupils who could either walk or be easily brought to the school, provided that the schoolhouse was wholesome, attractive, well equipped and serving as a community center, and provided also that the services of an experienced, contented rural teacher could be secured for the school. He further added that in case school attendance fell below twelve, transportation should be considered; that schools should never be maintained for six or less pupils.—and if they were so maintained that state aid should not be allowed for their support.

While the preceding statements are in no sense orders upon which we must proceed, nevertheless coming from one of the foremost school officials of our state they should receive our very careful attention. The usual group of statistical tables are appended to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAROLD C. WINGATE
Superintendent.

School Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury June 30, 1920	$ 64 26
Received State Treasurer	2,210 24
Received School Money from Town	3,485 00
Received Abigail Drake Fund	17 00
Orders Paid Twice	10 55
Total Receipts	$5,787 05

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Orders 69 to 73	$ 50 73
Paid Orders 1 to 143	5,347 31
Total	$5,398 04
Balance in Treasury June 3, 1920	389 01
	$5,787 05

S. U. CUTTING,
District Treasurer.

Effingham, February 4, 1922.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the District Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK
MOSES S. CHASE
Auditors of Effingham.

Membership by Grades—1920-1921

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	5	10	17	11	12	13	6	9

Graduates—1921

Effingham Falls School	Grace M. Thurston
	Albert P. Wilder
Lord's Hill School	Gertrude M. Emack
Center Effingham School	Russell H. Nelson
Mountain School	Velma E. Davis

High School Attendance—1921-1922

Parsonsfield Seminary	Velma E. Davis
	Gertrude M. Emack
	Lester Emack
	Mary L. Leavitt
	Russell H. Nelson
	Nellie P. Philbrick
Porter High School	Aylene L. Cutting
	Ruth G. Palmer

Health Supervision—District Summary

Examiner, Dr. J. E. Leavitt

No. of Pupils Examined, 63.

	No. of Cases Found	No. of Cases Reported to Parents	No. of Cases Treated Since Last Examination
Defective Vision	5	5	4
Pediculosis	5	5	5
Defective Teeth	20		
Hypertrophied Tonsils	1	1	
Unvaccinated	45		

Table of Attendance by Schools, 1920-1921

School	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per Cent. of Attendance
Effingham Falls	20	15	93
Lord's Hill	13	8	95
Center Effingham	14	11	99½
South Effingham	15	12	92
Pine River	12	12	93
Mountain	9	8	97
	83	66	95

Roll of Honor—1920-1921

Year—Three Terms

Albert Linscott
Chester Moody
Caroline Nelson

Two Terms

Harold Chase
Ethel Cresey
Doris Cutting
Dorothy Moody
Russell Nelson
Inez Taylor
Lubert Taylor

One Term

Harris Bean
Arnold Cutting
Mary Edwards
John Edwards
Elliott Gordon
Harry Leavitt
Bernice Meloon
Blanche Moody
Clayton Moody
Leon Moody
Dorothy Sprague
Robert Sprague
Mildred Strong
Robert Strong
Alta Taylor
Richard Taylor
Sumner Taylor
Leon Ward
Albert Wilder
Hazel Wilkinson
Ralph Wilkinson

List of Teachers, 1920-1921

School	Grade	Teachers	No. of Weeks	Salary
Effingham Falls	1-8	Mabel Rounds	36	$648
Lord's Hill	1-8	Fred Leavitt	36	612
Center Effingham	1-8	Gladys Leavitt	36	648
South Effingham	1-8	Leona Leavitt	36	612
Pine River	1-8	Wilma P. Wilkinson	36	612
Mountain	1-8	Ruth Snow	36	648

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen—In compliance with an act of Legislature pssed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

Births in the Town of Effingham for the Year ending December 31, 1921

Date	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Condition				Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color							
Jan 18		Male	Living	3	W	David Brownell	Clara Parker	W	Effingham	Laborer	Ossipee	Scottstown P Q
Sept 17		Male	"	4		Mellen Moody	Emma E Clegg		"	"	Effingham	Wakefield
Oct 27		Female	"	2		Harry Sanborn	Mary Gould		"	"	"	Lowell Mass

Marriages in the Town of Effingham for the Year Ending December 31, 1921.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride and Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Birthplace of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Jan 2	Bangor Me	Harry Farley Effingham	31	White	Fireman	Salem Mass	Herbert Farley Susan Lord	Salem Mass "	Ashley A Smith Clergyman Bangor Me
		Inez B Clark Effingham	34		Milliner	Ipswich	John Sullivan Elizabeth Brown	Milford Mass Ipswich Mass	
Mar 26	Freedom	Harry Goodwin Effingham	34		Farmer	Hiram Me	Ivory Goodwin Alice S Heath	Hiram Me "	T S Jones Clergyman Freedom
		Beulah Thurston Effingham	24		Housekeeper	Effingham	John E Thurston Sadie Stokes	Effingham "	
July 4	Effingham	Arthur F. Parshley Effingham	54		Stave Mfg	Lealand Ill	Enoch Parshley Julia A Vail	Greenland Lealand Ill	Fred Rollins Clergyman Franklin
		Grace E Herbert Effingham	37		Musician	Winchendon M	George Warner Helen L. Boque	Aurora " "	
10	Freedom	Allan R Forsyth YoungstownOhio	25		Pharmacist	Youngstown Ohio	Nate Forsyth Alice Tipple	Baltimore Md Ohio	T S Jones Clergyman Freedom
		Cecile Sanborn Effingham	20		Clerk	Effingham	Arthur Sanborn Mary E Chase	Effingham Parsonsfield	
24	Effingham	Leon W Gleason Effingham	28		Auto Mechanic	Springfield M	Lorin Gleason Minnie Warner	Chicopee Mass Elgin Ill	Fred Rollins Clergyman Franklin
		Florence B Ellis Effingham	25		House Keeper	Bradford Mass	George Ellis Margaret Bushey	N S Newburyport	
Dce 24	Milton Mills	Warren Clough Effingham	21		Millhand	Effingham	Fred E Clough Delia Chick	Wolfeboro Effingham	J E. Taylor Clergyman Milton Mills
		Marguerite D Weeks Milton	18		Weaver	Milton	Frank S Weeks Minnie Ailey	Porter Me Kezar Falls Me	

Deaths in the Town of Effingham for the Year Ending December 31, 1921

Date	Name of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Condition			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days		Male or Female	Color	Single Married or Widowed		Father	Mother		
Jan 1	Anna M Thomas	77	5	24	Effingham	Female	White		Housewife	Nova Scotia	Boston Mass	George McKenzie	Nancy Gardner
Feb 25	Ida M. Brownell	61	3	12	"	Female		Widow	"	Ossipee	Tuftonboro	John Thurley	Elizabeth Peavey
Apr 14	Constance Cooley	10	4	14	"	Female		Single	Student	Farmington	Worcester M	Frederick Perley	Edith J Miller
19	Laura Fulton	65	7	4	Boston Mass	Female		Married	None			George Hoke	Rebecca Fulton
Nov 3	Mary Champion	76	7	25	Effingham	Female			Housework	Philadelphia		Thomas Harking	Susan Arrison
18	Joseph Marston	71	11	8	"	Male		Married	Farmer	Madison	Brownfield	Jeremiah Marston	Joanna Burke
23	Jennie B. Smith	85	3	11	"	Female		Widow	Housewife	Limington Me	Wells Me	John M Merrifield	Mary Goodwin

I hereby certfy that the above and foregoing is a true transcript of the record of all the Births, Marriages and Deaths that have been reported to me for the year ending December 31, 1921.

JAMES L. WORMWOOD, Town Clerk

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